

LOOE URBAN COUNCIL.

THE ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,
FOR THE YEAR 1915.

To the Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report of the health and sanitary state of the district.

No new sanitary work has been done, but the routine work of former years has been followed. The house refuse has been removed twice weekly and the street scavenging systematically done.

The schools, public lavatories, milk shops, slaughter houses and bakehouses have been inspected and found in a sanitary state. The number of dwelling houses inspected under and for the purpose of section 17 of the Act of 1909 have been six. No houses have been condemned as unfit for human habitation.

The health of the town has been remarkably good. Five cases of tuberculosis were notified. Six cases of scarlet fever and one case of diphtheria were reported. The houses in which the epidemic disease existed were disinfected.

Owing to an outbreak of measles in December the Council Schools were closed seven days before the commencement of the Christmas holidays. The Sunday School authorities also fell in with the wishes of your officers. In November many cases of epidemic jaundice occurred, a disease that has not, I believe, been present in your town before.

Bacteriological examinations were made in four instances, which gave two positive and two negative results.

I estimate the population of the town to be 2,488 persons. The decrease is due to the exigencies of the war.

The infectious diseases notified, including those of tuberculosis, have been twelve. This gives a rate of 4.82 per thousand of the population.

The infantile mortality calculated as per thousand births is shown to be 83.33.

There have been 36 births, 20 males and 16 females. Twenty-five were born in East Looe and eleven in West Looe. This gives a birth-rate of 14.47 per thousand.

The deaths were 26. Seventeen were over the age of 65 years. Thirteen occurred in East Looe and 13 in West Looe. The estimated death-rate is 10.45 per thousand.

The zymotic death-rate was nil.

There has been no evidence of poverty.

There are very few families that have not the continual anxiety felt for those at the front. I am sure you will permit me to join with you in extending our heartfelt sympathy to the relatives of our gallant townsmen who have fallen in defence of King and country. I feel grateful that in this, the second year of the greatest and most awful of all wars in the history of the world, I am able to place such a favourable report before you.

Your obedient servant,

J. EUSTACE WEBB, M.B., M.O.H.

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